The amendments were put and carried.

Clause 1, as amended, was put and carried.

The Preamble was put and carried.

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I move—

That the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Amendment Bill, 1956, as amened, be passed.

The motion was put and carried and the Bill as amended was passed.

VII.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 21 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *re* CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I move—

" That under rule 21 (3) of the Assembly Rules the House do proceed to consider the Madras Registration of Practitioners of Integrated Medicine Bill, 1956, before the Madras Estates (Supplementary) Bill, 1956."

The motion was put and carried.

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(2) THE MADRAS REGISTRATION OF PRACTITIONERS OF INTEGRATED MEDICINE BILL, 1956.

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras Registration of Practitioners of Integrated Medicine Bill [a], 1956, and move—

" That the Bill be taken into consideration at once. "

You all know that, at present, practitioners of Indigenous Medicine in this State are registered by the Central Board of Indigenous Medicine in accordance with the rules framed by the Government for the purpose. The practitioners and other persons interested in Indigenous Medicine had also expressed their dissatisfaction with the existing arrangement for their registration. It was considered not feasible to register medical practitioners of Indigenous Medicine in a separate part in the register maintained for practitioners of modern medicine by the Madras Medical Council. With a view to make separate statutory provision, the Madras Registration of Practitioners of Indigenous Medicine Bill was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 20th December 1954. That Bill provided only for the registration of practitioners of Indigenous Medicine who possessed the diplomas of L.I.M. and G.C.I.M. The Bill did not provide for the recognition of their rights to practise modern medicine.

The Government subsequently decided not to introduce in the Legislature the Bill in the original form but to consult the G.C.I.M. and L.I.M. Associations and to revise the Bill in the light of their opinions.

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The College of Integrated Medicine, Madras, trains the students both in the Modern and Indigenous systems of medicine. In this State, the G.C.I.Ms. and L.I.Ms. are eligible for appointment to institutions of modern medicine under local bodies and under the Community Projects Scheme. Such candidates employed in local fund and municipal dispensaries are authorized to conduct post-mortem examination and to issue certificates. In practice, the G.C.I.Ms. and L.I.Ms. are administering modern medicine. However, there is no statutory provision recognising the existing state of affairs. After examining the opinions of the G.C.I.M. and the L.I.M. Associations, the Government decided that this omission should be supplied and that the legislation should contain statutory recognition of the rights of persons possessing the diploma of G.C.I.M. or L.I.M. and practising both the indigenous and the modern systems of medicine to grant certificates, hold appointments, etc. The present Bill gives effect to this decision.

G.C.I.Ms. and L.I.Ms. have been agitating for a long time for statutory recognition of the rights already enjoyed by them. Legislation more or less on the lines now proposed are in force in other States, viz., Bombay and Travancore-Cochin.

The Bill is a simple one and I request the House, Sir, to accept it.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved—

"That the Madras Registration of Practitioners of Intergrated Medicine Bill, 1956, be taken into consideration."

The motion is before the House for discussion.

Dr. K. B. MENON: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am sure that this Bill will have the unanimous support of all sections of the House. I am very glad that the Hon. Minister Mr. Shetty, before he leaves the House handing over charge of his portfolio, has found it helpful and necessary to introduce a Bill which will do away with the unfair and unjust discrimination shown against the students of the Indigenous School of Medicine. I know the attitude that the Hon. Minister has towards Ayurveda. I understand it and I appreciate it. And I have also agreed with him to some extent on that issue. At the same time, he has been very fair-minded in introducing this Bill. He is very fair to those who are studying that system of medicine. I also know that even before introducing this Bill he tried to be helpful to the students by changing the name of the institution and also by giving them certain privileges like doing post-mortem examination, etc. There are still many handicaps under which the students of the college labour. This Bill removes many of those handicaps. It not only removes many of those things, but it also provides scope for further improvements in the curricula of studies of the College and also in improving the status and privileges of the students of the College. I therefore wholeheartedly

support the measure that the Hon. the Minister for Heath has brought forward and also appeal to the House to give him full support in this measure.

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : Mr. Speaker, I have been one of the hardest critics of the Hon. the Minister for Health in this House. But on this occasion, certainly I am not rising as a critic. I am rising to support the Hon. Minister. I feel that the Bill that he has just now moved is a belated one. From the opening speech of the Hon. Minister himself, it is clear that since 1954, when the Government published their original Bill, they themselves thought that a separate enactment providing for the registration of medical practitioners possessing the G.C.I.M. was necessary. They themselves wanted to revise the enactment in this regard. I feel a period of two years is a pretty long time for the Governmnt to make up their mind on a simple issue like this. Anyway, now that they have made up their mind, I am glad the Hon. the Minister for Health has introduced this measure at least on the eve of laying down his office. I know the Hon. Minister for Health will be attending a function this evening arranged by the students of the College of Integrated Medicine. I was very particular that this Bill should be passed befode he attends that function. Sa, I took this opportunity to insist that this Bill should be taken up to-day and should be given precedence over other Bills so that it may be passed to-day itself. If this is done, the Hon. Minister, when he attends the function to-day and faces the students he will be able to tell them, 'Well, before laying down my office, I have been able to get this Bill passed by the Assembly for your benefit.' This Bill places those possessing diploma of Licentiate in Indigenous Medicine or the diploma of Graduate of the College of Indigeous Medicine on the same footing as other Medical Graduates in the State. I do not see any reason why there should be any discrimination at all. Without making much ado and without making further speech, I would like to support this Bill and would like to see that it is passed within a short time.

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I am extremely grateful to the hon. Leader of the Opposition, to my friend Dr. K. B. Menon and the other Members of this House fod the uniform kindness and sympathy they have shown me in this matter. I am sure that not only the present students but also those who have passed out of the College will be very grateful to the hon. Members of this House for the way in which they have received this Bill and permitted it to be passed. I commend the Bill for the acceptance of the House.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Madras Registration of Practitioners of Integrated Medicine Bill, 1956 be taken into consideration."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

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MR. SPEAKER : As there are no amendments to any of the clauses contained in the Bill, with the leave of the House, I shall now put clauses 2 to 15 together to the vote of the House. The question is :—

"That clauses 2 to 15 do stand part of the Bill".

The motion was put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Registration of Practitioners of Integrated Medicine Bill, 1956 be passed."

MR. SPEAKER : Motion moved—

"That the Madras Registration of Practitioners of Integrated Medicine Bill, 1956 be passed."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Mr. Speaker, the Hon. the Minister for Health really deserves our congratulations. On the eve of laying down his office, he has brought forward a Bill which will be praised not only by the students but also by a certain section of the people who have been demanding this piece of legislation for a very long time. This is the first occasion, I think, when all the clauses in a Bill have been put to the vote of the House at one stretch. So, the Hon. the Minister for Health deserves our congratulations. I warmly congratulate him and express the hope that he may get a job in Mysore also so that he may be enabled to bring forward such useful measures for the benefit of the people.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Madras Registration of Practitioners of Integrated Medicine Bill, 1956 be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

VIII.—ONE-HOUR DISCUSSION UNDER RULE 56 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* MADRAS-ANDHRA BORDER DISPUTES.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தத் தமிழ் நாட்டின் வட எல்லைப் பிரச்சினை சென்ற மூன்றரை ஆண்டு காலமாக தீர்க்கப்படாமல் இருந்துவருகிறது. இது உண்மையிலேயே உடனடியாகத் தீர்க்கப்படவேண்டிய ஒரு பிரச்சினை. சென்னை அரசாங்கத்திற்கும், ஆந்திர அரசாங்கத்திற்கும் இதை உடனடியாகத் தீர்க்கவேண்டும் என்ற ஒரே நோக்கம் இருக்குமானால், அக்கறை இருக்குமானால் இதை ஒரே மணி நேரத்தில் தீர்த்து வைக்கமுடியும். இதற்கு வேண்டிய **maps** இருக்கின்றன, புள்ளி விவரங்கள் இருக்கின்றன, எல்லாத் தகவல்களும் இருக்கின்றன, அவைகளை வைத்துக்கொண்டு இதை உடனடியாகத் தீர்த்துவைக்க முடியும். இப்பிரச்சினை தீரவேண்டுமென்பதற்காக கிளர்ச்சி செய்தால், கிளர்ச்சி செய்கிறவர்களைப் பார்த்து நீங்கள் கிளர்ச்சி செய்யாதீர்கள், இந்தப் பிரச்சினையை தீர்ப்பதற்கு எல்லைக் கமிஷன் நியமிக்கப் போகிறார்கள் என்று சொன்னார்கள். பாராளும் மன்றத்திலும் எல்லைக் கமிஷன் நியமிப்பதாக வாக்குறுதி கொடுத்தும், அரசாங்கம் அவ்விதம் நடந்துகொள்ள முன்வரவில்லை. உடனடியாகத் தீரவேண்டிய ஒரு